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SUBJECT: CIEC: U.S. PROPOSAL IN CIEC DEVELOPMENT

COMMISSION TO INVITE GATT AND UNCTAD TO GIVE REPORTS ON
MTN AND GSP

REF: OECD PARIS 1259

1. TRADE ISSUES WILL BE AN IMPORTANT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION
IN THE CIEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND COULD COME UP AS
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PROPOSED AGENDA OF THE LDC GROUP OF 19 REPORTED REFTEL.

WE BELIEVE THAT FACTUAL, IMPARTIAL PRESENTATIONS OF THE STATUS OF THE MTN AND THE GSP BY REPRESENTATIVES OF GATT AND UNCTAD COULD PROVIDE A USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR DISCUSSIONS OF TRADE MATTERS WHETHER AT THE FEBRUARY OR THE MARCH COMMISSION MEETING.

2. ASSUMING GATT AND UNCTAD SECRETARIATS CONCUR, WE THEREFORE INTEND TO RECOMMEND IN THE COMMISSION MEETING WHICH BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 11 THAT INVITATIONS BE EXTENDED TO GATT AND UNCTAD TO PRESENT REPORTS TO THE MARCH COMMISSION MEETING TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF TRADE AGENDA ITEM OR ITEMS. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DEFER DISCUSSION

PROPOSE THAT GATT AND UNCTAD REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT REPORTS DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING AND INITIATE TRADE DISCUSSION AT THAT TIME. WE WILL SUGGEST THAT GATT BE ASKED TO COVER THE TRADE ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE MTN AND THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE WORK, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO LDC INTERESTS, IN THE TNC'S SIX GROUPS. UNCTAD'S REPORT COULD INCLUDE THE ROLE IT IS PLAYING IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN THE MTN, THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE GSP AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED THROUGH UNCTAD TO ASSIST LDCS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VARIOUS GSP SYSTEMS.

3. US MISSION GENEVA IS REQUESTED TO INFORM GATT AND UNCTAD SECRETARIATS OF THE US INTENTION TO PROPOSE THESE INVITATIONS AND DISCUSS WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND. STRESS THAT THEIR REPORTS COULD FORM A CONSTRUCTIVE FACTUAL BASIS FOR A COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF TRADE ISSUES. INASMUCH AS THE REPORTS WOULD BE AT THE LEVEL OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RATHER THAN THE CONFERENCE ITSELF, MISSION SHOULD SUGGEST THAT GATT DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL PATTERSON AND UNCTAD DIRECTOR OF THE MANUFACTURES DIVISION KRISHNAMURTI WOULD BE APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND WELL QUALIFIED TO PRESENT THESE REPORTS. KRISHNAMURTI MIGHT USEFULLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE MANAGERS OF THE UNCTAD/UNDP MTN AND GSP PROJECTS, SHIH AND PRADHAN RESPECTIVELY.

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4. WE HAVE NOTED (GENEVA 0677) THAT DG LONG WISHES TO DISCUSS ROLE OF GATT IN WORK OF CIEC AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 10-11. MISSION MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO SUCH A DISCUSSION. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT CIEC COMMISSIONS CONVENE IN PARIS ON FEBRUARY 11, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE MATTER OF POSSIBLE REPORT BY GATT TO DEVELOPMENT

COMMISSION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH LONG OR OTHER
APPROPRIATE SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME.

5. PLEASE REPORT REACTIONS. INGERSOLL

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